

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 12088/042D01 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>107505506</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/010289	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 20 July 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 July 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>HINGE APPARATUS</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Hisamitsu Takagi et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A SIGNED oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p>		

**22511****PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

U. S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER																																																																																				
107505566	PCT/JP2004/010289	12088/042001																																																																																				
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Returned Receipt Postcard Application Cover Sheet (1 page) First Page of International Publication (2 pages) International Search Report (2 pages) Drawings Sheets (14 pages)																																																																																						
The following fees have been submitted <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding-bottom: 5px;"></th> <th style="text-align: right; padding-bottom: 5px;">CALCULATIONS</th> <th style="text-align: right; padding-bottom: 5px;">PTO USEONLY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 300</td> <td style="text-align: right;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 0</td> <td style="text-align: right;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>All other situations .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$200</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$0</td> <td style="text-align: right;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$100</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 400.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$400</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>All other situations .....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$500</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 900.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)).            The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.         </td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Sheets</td> <td>Extra Sheets</td> <td>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>71 - 100 =</td> <td>/50 =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">x \$250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">           Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).         </td> </tr> <tr> <td>CLAIMS</td> <td>NUMBER FILED</td> <td>NUMBER EXTRA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>3 - 20 =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">x 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>1 - 3 =</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ 900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"> <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.         </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">SUBTOTAL = \$ 900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">           Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(l)).         </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">           Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property         </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">+ \$ 80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 980.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">           Amount to be refunded: \$ _____         </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">           Amount to be charged: \$ _____         </td> </tr> </tbody></table>				CALCULATIONS	PTO USEONLY	21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) .....	\$ 300		22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....	\$ 0		All other situations .....	\$200	\$ 200.00	23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....	\$0		Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....	\$100	\$ 400.00	International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB .....	\$400		All other situations .....	\$500		TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =	\$ 900.00		<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.			Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	71 - 100 =	/50 =	x \$250.00	Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).			CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	Total claims	3 - 20 =	x 0.00	Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0.00	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ 900.00			<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.			SUBTOTAL = \$ 900.00			Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(l)).			TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 900.00			Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property			+ \$ 80.00			\$			TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 980.00			Amount to be refunded: \$ _____			Amount to be charged: \$ _____		
	CALCULATIONS	PTO USEONLY																																																																																				
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) .....	\$ 300																																																																																					
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....	\$ 0																																																																																					
All other situations .....	\$200	\$ 200.00																																																																																				
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....	\$0																																																																																					
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....	\$100	\$ 400.00																																																																																				
International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB .....	\$400																																																																																					
All other situations .....	\$500																																																																																					
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =	\$ 900.00																																																																																					
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.																																																																																						
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)																																																																																				
71 - 100 =	/50 =	x \$250.00																																																																																				
Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).																																																																																						
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA																																																																																				
Total claims	3 - 20 =	x 0.00																																																																																				
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0.00																																																																																				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)																																																																																						
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$ 900.00																																																																																						
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.																																																																																						
SUBTOTAL = \$ 900.00																																																																																						
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(l)).																																																																																						
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = \$ 900.00																																																																																						
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property																																																																																						
+ \$ 80.00																																																																																						
\$																																																																																						
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = \$ 980.00																																																																																						
Amount to be refunded: \$ _____																																																																																						
Amount to be charged: \$ _____																																																																																						

10/565566

IAP20 Rec'd DOT/DO PTO-1390 (Rev. 07-2005)  
Approved for use through 03/31/2007. OMB 0651-0022  
U. S. Patent and Trademark Office; U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

- a.  A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- b.  Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-0591 in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0591. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- d.  Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:



SIGNATURE

Jonathan P. Osha

NAME

CUSTOMER NUMBER: 22511

33,986

REGISTRATION NUMBER

10/565566

IAP20 Rec'd PCT/PTO 23 JAN 2006

Application No. (if known): Not Yet Assigned

Attorney Docket No.: 12088/042001

## Certificate of Express Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, Airbill No. EV710215932US in an envelope addressed to:

MS PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on January 23, 2006  
Date

  
Signature

Beri W. Hartwell

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

N/A  
Registration Number, if applicable

(713) 228-8600  
Telephone Number

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Application Data Sheet (4 pages)  
Application Cover Sheet (1 page)  
First page of International Publication (2 pages)  
International Search Report (2 pages)  
Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated-Elected Office (3 pages)  
English language translation of the International Application ( 41 pages)  
Drawings Sheets (14 pages)  
Oath or declaration of the inventors (SIGNED) (5 pages)  
Preliminary Amendment (16 pages)  
Assignment (4 pages)  
Recordation Form Cover Sheet (2 pages)  
Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages)  
IDS (Citation) by Applicant (18 references, 9 enclosed) (1 page)  
Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached (1 page)  
Charge \$980.00 to credit card  
Return Receipt Postcard